

Declaration and Power of Attorney For Patent Application

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am an original, first and joint inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled METHOD OF ENHANCING CELLULOSE AND MODIFYING LIGNIN BIOSYNTHESIS IN PLANTS (Attorney Docket No. 066040-9675), the specification of which was filed on May 18, 2000 as PCT International Application Number PCT/US00/13637, now filed under 35 U.S.C. 371 on November 19, 2001 as Application Serial No. 09/980,043.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the Patent and Trademark Office all information known to me to be material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56.

As a named inventor, I hereby appoint the following registered practitioners to prosecute this application and transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith:

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I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §119 of the foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

PCT/US00/13637	Prior Foreign Application	
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I hereby claim priority benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §119 of the provisional U.S. patent application listed below:

<u>Application Serial No.</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>
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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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